

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 11, page 3, as follows:

Figure 2 is a cross-sectional view of rotary hacksaw ~~taken along the line H-H~~ in Figure 1;

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 5, page 5, as follows:

The shaft 24 also includes a threaded end portion 25 and a pair of clamping members 28 for clamping the cutting wheel 20 on the shaft 24. In a preferred embodiment of my earlier invention, a forwardly extending safety guard 35 is attached to the mounting member 8.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 19, page 7, as follows:

A modified forward mounting member 109 is illustrated in Figure 7. As illustrated therein, the forward mounting member 109 includes a generally flat longitudinally extending portion 119 and a forward portion ~~123~~ 125 which is offset from the flat portion 119 by an intermediate portion 124. In this embodiment of the invention, the saw blade 120 provides a cut which is generally parallel if not parallel to the axis of the shaft 114.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 19, page 7, as follows:

A modified forward mounting member 109 is illustrated in Figure 7. As illustrated therein, the forward mounting member 109 includes a generally flat

longitudinally extending portion 119 having a plurality of screw receiving apertures 122 thereon, and a forward portion 125 which is offset from the flat portion 119 by an intermediate portion 124. In this embodiment of the invention, the saw blade 120 provides a cut which is generally parallel if not parallel to the axis of the shaft 114.